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Cooking Eggs, 25 cents.
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Sultanas, 10 cents.
Morgan Oysters on ice.
Our English Table Fruit to arrive Monday.

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thing in the musical line; we deal exclusively
in American pianos, organs and sewing ma-
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and Mary, William III., Louis Phillip 5 franc.
Apply 72 Fort Street. del6

TENDERS will be received by the under-
signed for house and lot with outbuild-
ings, up to the 19th December. Can be seen by
applying on the premises 299 Moss street. A.
Edwards. del6

14 C. LB. hams and breakfast bacon; genu-
ine Cambridge sausage fresh every day,
12 1/2; 30 tubs Manitoba dairy butter, all sizes
Robert Eccles, City Market. del6

A SOCIAL DANCE will be held in Straw-
berry Vale Hall, Wednesday evening,
December 16th. Admission 50 cents. del5 2t

CHRISTMAS TREE AND CONCERT on
Wednesday, 16th, in the Reformed Epis-
copal Schoolroom; there will be a grand Xmas
tree laden with presents on view from 8 to 6:30;
Admission free; tea and cake 10 cents; concert
in the evening commencing at 8:30 sharp. Ad-
mission, including refreshments, 25c. del5 2t

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TO-DAY We display our
Elegant line of
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and Toilet Articles.**
See our Windows.
They are Worth Seeing.
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When did you come back?" "I just
got back this morning." "Well, how
are things?" "Oh, quiet; they don't
look quiet in this town. If you were
to go past **HENRY CLAY'S** and
see all those **Cakes and Plum
Puddings**, all marked sold, it don't
show hard times here." "Well, you
understand why, Jack. Because he is
the ONLY man in town that knows his
business; he buys the best material, and
his goods must be first-class quality.
Don't forget the number—**39 Fort
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Goods Suitable for Xmas Presents.

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Parlor set, platform rocker, bed lounge, folding
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pictures, cases, lamps China ware, 2 new cook
stoves, etc.
Hats, Caps, Ladies' and Gents' Watches.
del6 W. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

**Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway
Company.**

Notice is hereby given that application will
be made to the Legislature of the Province of
British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the
passage of an act to incorporate a Company to
be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay
Railway Company," to construct, equip and
operate a line of railway from some point on
Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New West-
minster, thence eastward through the valley
of the Fraser River and the southern part of
British Columbia, by the most direct and
feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with
power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or
otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser
Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or
portion of a railway, either as a branch of or
part of such main line; to build a branch line
or lines from the City of New Westminster to
some point on the coast line between the Inter-
national Boundary Line and Point Garry, and
such other branch lines as may be deemed ad-
visable; to construct and maintain steamers,
ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and
operating arrangements with other railway
lines, and to construct, maintain and operate
telegraph and telephone lines for other than
railway purposes.
A. L. BELYEA,
Solicitor for the Applicants.
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main fresh and nice; Glass Domes, Tablets, etc.,
at Bradbury's Monumental Works, Cormorant St.

SHARKEY - FITZSIMMONS FRAUD.
Medical Men Said to Have Performed an
Operation on Sharkey to Carry
It Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Fitz-
simmons-Sharkey witnesses to-day gave
no sensational testimony. Fitzsimmons'
friends say they now are able to
prove that a doctor performed an operation
on Sharkey to produce external
evidence of apparent foul play, and that
he was paid \$1,000 for his service.

His Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.
LONDON, Dec. 15.—Very Rev. Dean
Innes, rector of St. Paul's cathedral, was
presented with a silver-mounted ma-
hogany chest containing \$500 in gold, in
commemoration of his twenty-fifth anni-
versary in the diocese of Huron.

Useful Xmas gifts; ladies companions,
scissors cases, gents' razor cases, shaving
sets, sporting and pocket knives at Fox's,
78 Gov't. St. x

OPENING UP OF CHINA.

**British Benefits to Be Derived—Ger-
man Government Defeated—
Conditions in India.**

**The Porte and the Eastern Question
—German Importations of
American Petroleum.**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Globe this
afternoon says: "It is understood that
important negotiations are proceeding,
if not completed, whereby Great Britain
will derive considerable commercial
benefits in the opening up of China,
adding that an English syndicate had
obtained a concession to construct and
maintain a long railroad which will be a
powerful counter check to Russian de-
signs.

A dispatch from Cape Town to the
Daily Mail says that the burning of
Cecil Rhodes' country house was the
work of an incendiary.

Thomas F. Bayard, U. S. ambassador,
and Mrs. Bayard, will be the guests of
Lord Middleton at Birsall house, York-
shire, during the Christmas holidays.

Li Hung Chang has bought a residence,
and intends to reside in Peking. He has
ordered Herr Detring, the Chinese com-
missioner of customs, to go there.

The committee of the French chamber
of deputies on the legion of honor bill
recommends that the maximum number
of chevaliers shall be limited to 12,000.

The Daily News has a despatch from
Berlin with reference to rumors of re-
prisals against American petroleum. It
is said that the German consumers are
likely to suffer more by this move than
the American exporters, Russia alone
being scarcely able to supply Germany.

The defeat of the German government
over the judicial procedure amendment
bill, which has been under discussion
for two years in the reichstag, is due to
the defection of the centrists. The ma-
jority of the reichstag insisted upon cer-
tain amendments, upon which the gov-
ernment decided to drop the bill.

Rev. Dr. Barrows, president of the
Parliament of Religions, landed at Bom-
bay to-day. He was warmly welcomed
by representatives of the various reli-
gious committees. Dr. Barrows remains
in India three months, giving the Has-
kel lectures on Christianity.

It is stated on good authority that
there are no new developments in the
Eastern question. The powers for
months past have been discussing the
different plans to bring about a better
administration of the Turkish empire.

A number of notes on the subject have
been presented to the Porte. The Rus-
sian ambassador, M. de Nelidoff, on his
return to Constantinople from St. Pe-
tersburg, will make another presenta-
tion of the demand of the powers, and
the Sultan is expected to agree to them
in due course of time.

The Times Berlin correspondent says
that the porte has recalled Said Eddin
Pasha, the porte's special envoy to
Crete, in accordance with the joint com-
mand of the powers. Said Eddin was
accused of thwarting the reforms in
Crete promised by Turkey to the powers.

A Times dispatch from Berlin says
that the reichstag having rejected the
judicial procedure amendment bill, it
is probable the same fate will befall
the scheme for the reform of the military
court.

The French appeal court has confirm-
ed the sentence of two years imprison-
ment upon Emile Arton for bribery in
connection with the Panama scandal.

M. Philippe Eugene Cugnot, radical
deputy for the first division of Laon, is
dead.

A dispatch to the Observer from Rome
says that Premier Di Rudini is desirous
of bringing about the dissolution of par-
liament, hoping thereby to preserve the
radical vote, the especial object of which
is to bring about an abandonment of the
triple alliance for the purpose of forming
an alliance with France.

A dispatch from Singapore says the
natives of Minandano island, which after
Luzon is the largest of the Philippine
islands, have revolted and many native
troops are deserting to the insurgents.

The situation in Manila is full of
anxiety. A dispatch to the Imparcial
from Singapore admits that there has
been a general massacre at Cavita, a
fortified seaport town on the island of
Luzon. It adds that a hundred and
fifty prisoners revolted, killing six
soldiers, seized arms and tried to raise
the native inhabitants against the
garrison. Continuing these advices say
the revolt failed.

A Times dispatch from Berlin says
that an explosion occurred on Saturday
afternoon in the Moabitte quarter in the
house of the scientist, George Isaac, who
was experimenting with the manufac-
ture of acetylene gas. Isaac and three
assistants were blown to atoms. It is
stated that Emperor William had in-
tended to visit Mr. Isaac's laboratory, as
his experiments had attracted the Em-
peror's attention.

The London Amnesty Association has
taken up the defence of Edward Ivory,
alias Bell. Messrs. Day, Russell and
Brougham have been instructed as soli-
citors, and at their request, upon the
ground of their recent introduction to
the case, the treasury has consented to
postpone the case until the January
sessions at the Old Bailey. It will prob-
ably be called January 11.

Le Temps announces that an inter-
national conference of the representa-
tives of Germany, Austria, Belgium,
France and Russia will meet at Paris in
March of next year for the purpose of
considering the best means of bringing
about the abolition of the sugar boun-
ties.

The great dockers' strike at Hamburg
is practically ended, and numbers of the
strikers are returning to work. The
railway announces that in future there
will be prompt delivery of freight.

The members of the Sailors and Fire-
men's Union, of Clyde, have decided to

strike if the increase in wages is not
granted. It is said in the event of a
strike the dock workers of New York
and along the Mersey will refuse to un-
load vessels coming from Glasgow.

The viceroy of India has sent a state-
ment by cable to the effect that the past
week has been rainless. Owing to pre-
vious rains, however, the number of
those requiring relief has been reduced
from twenty-five to thirty per cent.

Rains at Bombay have considera-
bly reduced the area of distress.
Late sowings continue at Bombay
and Madras. At most places rain
is needed later in the season for the
purpose of maturing farm products.

Spring crop conditions are favorable.
Winter rains in the northwest provinces
are reported to have been fairly abun-
dant. In the northeast and central pro-
vinces prices have risen again, the ad-
vance being a sharp one. In the Deccan
district and elsewhere prices are sta-
tionary or falling. Over £321,700 have
been expended on relief work.

The president of Peru to-day granted
an audience to Mr. Fishback, an inspec-
tor of the United States consulate, and
who has as one object of his visit to se-
cure an advisory board for the South
American museum established in Phila-
delphia. The president manifested great
interest in the idea of the museum, and
promised to give the project every sup-
port in his power.

During the budget debate in the
reichstag at Vienna, Saturday, Herr
Vassatti violently attacked the triple
alliance, and declared it was formed by
Bismarck from necessity after Germany
had been rebuffed by Russia. Herr
Menger replied, stating that the triple
alliance formed the basis of the policy of
Austria, and his party, he added, hoped
it would soon be made a permanent po-
litical league.

The marriage occurred to-day of Miss
Carrie Backus, an American, and Mr.
Albert Bennett, an Englishman, the
ceremony being performed by Bishop
Sterling, of the Falklands. The most
distinguished members of the resident
English and American society, as well
as the officers of the U.S. cruiser Phila-
delphia were present at the wedding,
which was a notable society event.

A Berlin dispatch to the Daily News
says it is rumored that the government
will submit to the reichstag a plan for a
new artillery which will involve great
expenditure, Prussia's share footing up
\$43,750,000.

At the annual meeting of the new Pa-
nama canal company, the report which
was presented expressed the conviction,
with reference to the Nicaraguan project,
that the United States, on weighing
what was being done, would recognize
the Panama canal as the best for secur-
ing their legitimate interests. The di-
rectors expressed their increasing con-
fidence in the possibility of the under-
taking.

It is understood that Baron de Cour-
cel, the French ambassador in London,
will retire early in 1897 and will be
succeeded by the Marquis de Reverseau de
Rouvray, at present ambassador to Mad-
rid.

The Chronicle's Berlin correspondent
says it is reported that Baron Marschall
von Bieberstein is seriously ill.

The Sunday issue of the Socialist
Saschischen Arbeiter Zeitung, of Dresden,
has been confiscated and the editor ar-
rested for lese majeste.

John Stewart Bligh, sixth Earl of
Darnley, is dead. He was born in 1827
and was high steward of Gravesend.
Lady Mary Bligh, a daughter of the late
Earl, was found drowned in a pond at
Cobham Hall near Gravesend in July
last. She is believed to have committed
suicide while suffering from desponden-
cy, due to an unfortunate love affair.

THE FRENCH NAVY.

Discussion in the Deputies on the Necessity
of Its Being Materially Strengthened
—Motion Rejected.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The discussion of the
naval budget was continued to-day in
the chamber of deputies.

M. J. Dekerejgu, Finisterre, said that
material progress in the construction of
vessels had been made. The delay in
building them had been reduced and the
tendency was in the direction of
building homogenous groups in the
different classes. A general reorganiza-
tion, however, was necessary, and the
naval committee regretted that the
French naval vote had been so much re-
duced. It was impossible to equal Eng-
land in the number of ships, but the
French fleet ought to be of such a char-
acter as to enable it to defend French
independence and dignity everywhere.

The Minister of Marine, Admiral
Besnard, replied that the government
intended to increase the number of ves-
sels attached to the channel squadron, if
they obtained the necessary money, also
to reinforce the Mediterranean squadron
by several first-class ironclads, and to
renew many of the torpedo boats. In
conclusion the Minister of Marine pointed
to the fact that the German fleet was be-
ing considerably increased, and that in
order to prevent France from falling into
fatal inferiority, the government would
shortly submit a bill to increase the
strength of the navy.

The general discussion of the naval
budget was then closed. M. Lockroy's
motion that the government spend 200,-
000,000 francs, distributed over four
years, on the navy, was opposed by Ad-
miral Besnard M. Meline, the premier,
and was rejected by a vote of 335 to 73.
The House then adjourned.

ALEXANDER SALVINI.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Alexander Salvini,
who was born at Rome, was the son of
the Italian tragedian, Tomasso Salvini,
and went to school in Naples, Florence
and Genoa. It was intended that he
should become a civil engineer, and
in 1881 he went to the United States
for that purpose with Charles Chizzola.

Instead, however, of looking for a place
to develop his engineering abilities,
young Salvini travelled with the Rossi
company, and afterwards settled in New
York to study English in order to be
able to use that language on the stage.

A NEW RAILWAY DEAL.

**Government Urged to Purchase the
Baie de Chaleurs Road—
The Tariff.**

**Interest in England in British Colum-
bia—Cornwall Election—Free
Dairy School.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—A large influx of
Quebec politicians was here to-day to
urge the purchase of the Baie de Cha-
leurs railway by the government and op-
erate it as a branch of the Intercolonial.

The tariff commission left for Montreal
to-night.

Hon. Mr. Laurier will speak at Corn-
wall to-morrow.

Through trains between Ottawa and
Parry Sound will commence to run on
Monday next.

Mr. Bostock is here en route to British
Columbia from England. He says there
is a great awakening of interest in Eng-
land respecting British Columbia.

Mr. Mara was here to-day, and left for
Toronto to-night.

The free dairy school, under govern-
ment auspices, will be held at Sussex,
N. B., from January to March. Last
year fifty-four students attended a
similar school.

Local medical men to-night organized
a branch of the British Medical Associa-
tion similar to those of Montreal, Hal-
ifax and Winnipeg. The parent body
meets in Montreal in August next.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the Colonist.)

Toronto East Election Petition.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—At the annual
meeting of the East York Liberals yes-
terday it was decided to push the peti-
tion against W. F. McLean, who was de-
clared elected by a majority of one, on a
recount before Judge Macdougall.

Dr. Montague's Explanation.

DUNVILLE, Dec. 15.—Hon. Dr. Mon-
tague, being questioned regarding a
Montreal dispatch which appeared in a
Toronto paper to the effect that Hon.
Mr. Haggart and he had refused to take
part in the election contest in Cornwall,
said that he was unable to go to Corn-
wall at present because of some matters
of a purely personal nature in which he
was interested. He added that he re-
gretted it was impossible for him to visit
Cornwall.

Death of Major Greig.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Major George
Greig died at his residence here to-day
aged eighty.

The Tariff Inquiry.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—The tariff com-
missioners will begin work here to-
morrow. The schedule of the time for
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday is
already full, while sufficient requests for
hearings have been received to occupy
more than Saturday.

Canadian Repatriation.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—J. G. Woodland, a
member of the staff of the Canadian-
American, of Chicago, has a scheme to
repatriate the Canadians who are now
in the United States, and who have not
been successful there. The intention
is to place them on lands in the
Northwest. Mr. Woodland is here to
see the government in the matter, but
nothing can be done until the re-
turn of Mr. Sifton from the Northwest.
Mr. Woodland says there are more Cana-
dians in the United States than there
are in Canada.

Welland Canal Closed.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 15.—Both the
old and new canals were closed at 5 p.m.
to-day for the winter.

Rightly Served.

WINDSOR, Dec. 15.—Willis Jordan, the
aged negro, who persuaded Josephine
Steele, aged 12 to marry him, and was
convicted of perjury in swearing that
she was 18 years old was to-day sen-
tenced to five years in the penitentiary.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Results Yesterday in Winnipeg, St. Boni-
face, Selkirk and Other Places
—Suicide.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The
municipal elections were held to-day
throughout Manitoba. In Win-
niipeg, there was a hot contest
for the mayoralty between five
candidates. Alderman McCreary led
the poll and was elected by 100 majority
over E. F. Hutchins. A. Black, A. Mc-
Micken and J. Sproule followed Mr.
Hutchins in the order named. For
aldermen, the candidates are: Ward 3,
D. J. Dyson; Ward 4, C. H. Wilson;
Ward 5, John White; Ward 6, J. F.
Mitchell.

In the outside towns there were several
hot contests. In Selkirk the mayoralty
fight was strictly on party lines, Col-
legiate, Liberal, defeated Bullock, Con-
servative by 98 majority. In St. Boniface
there was a warm contest for the mayoral-
ty between Senator Bernier backed by
the Conservatives and the Archbishop.
Bernier was elected by 17 majority. In
Portage la Prairie E. Brown was elected
mayor. In this city by-laws providing
for new waterworks and electric light
plants were both defeated.

John Davidson, coachman for Robert
Strang, committed suicide last night by
taking paris green.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

SCHOOL DAYS ENDED.

Closing Exercises of Interest at the North Ward and Victoria West.

Pupils of the Former School Show Their Practical Knowledge of Christmas Charity.

Yesterday was closing day at the North Ward school, and it was also the day that the pupils under Principal McNeill demonstrated their knowledge of a very important and not to be forgotten feature of the Christmas season. They had weeks before determined that they would join together and prepare such a collection of good things for presentation to the needy at Christmas time that not a boy nor girl in the city need go without one good dinner at least. And they carried out their good intentions, too, which after all is the main thing.

They came to school for the last day of the term hugging all sorts of oddly shaped parcels, dragging well filled little wagons, pushing wheelbarrow loads of eatable things, or with just a glimpse of silver money to be seen through the wrinkles of tight-closed little fists. The money it was decided should all go to the Orphans' Home, without any conditions, and the pupils of one class of which two boys from the Home are members, insisted that all their collections of eatables and drinkables and wearables should also be so bestowed. The remainder of the miscellaneous collection will be used as it is deemed it will do the most good—several deserving families in the ward being first supplied and the balance of the "stock" being handed to the Friendly Help Association for distribution.

Aside from the making and bestowing of this charitable collection, yesterday's closing exercises were of decided interest, and attracted a large gathering of parents and friends of education to the Assembly hall during the afternoon, where songs were sung, speeches made and recitations given by the pupils, the reading of the promotion and prize lists following as a matter of course, and the heart of Janitor Robinson being made glad by a present that was as welcome as it was a surprise.

North Ward School.

SECOND DIV.—MISS C. A. DOWLER, TEACHER. Promoted to First Division—Rose Prince, Prize List—Rose Prince, general proficiency; Edgar John, deportment; Hattie Bachelor, writing; William Blake, geography; Edythe Bull, English history; and John Frank, anatomy.

THIRD DIV.—ANGUS GALARRATH, TEACHER. Promoted to Second Division—Edith Rose Curran, Isabel Chapman, Ethel Mills, Mary Elizabeth Neill, and Richard Penn Sewell. Prize List—Edith Rose Curran, Isabel Chapman, Ethel Mills, and Richard Penn Sewell, general proficiency; Mary Elizabeth Neill, deportment; and Maud Atkins Glover, regularity and punctuality.

THIRD (A) DIV.—D. DALLAS, TEACHER. Promoted to Second Division—Patrick John Alexander, Andrew, Charles Albert Pike, Arthur Levy, Frederick Gordon Campbell Wood, James Barrow Russell and Bessie Louise Grant. Prize List—Patrick John Alexander, Andrew, general proficiency; Mable Blake, diligence; and Charles Albert Pike, deportment.

FOURTH DIV.—MISS A. SPRAGUE, TEACHER. Promoted to Third Division—Lewis Leber Chamberlain, Ellen Cornelia Olsen, Claude Mary Clarke, Sadie Elizabeth John, Alice Mary Coughlan, Mary Louisa Shields, Victor Lawrence Williams, Eric Wilson, Harrie, Edward George Hosker, Mary Gertrude Edmonds, James Alexander Dakers, Leon Hippolyte Borde, Katherine Olive Erskine, Winifred Florence Beckwith, Bertha Martha De Silva, Charles William Irvine, Henry Andrew Humber, Phoebe Babchack, Edgar Saxely Parr, James Babington Holland, Franz Louis Wille, Lily Elizabeth Maynard, and Frederick Washington Irvine.

Prize List—Lewis Leber Chamberlain, head of class and regular attendance; Mary Louisa Shields, Mary Gertrude Edmonds, Bertha Martha De Silva, Claude Mary Clarke, Mary Louisa Williams, Gene Laura Cox, Helen Baker, Ida Catterall, Lily Elizabeth Maynard, Kate Maynard, Leon Hippolyte Borde, James Babington Holland, James Alexander Dakers, Irvine Walker, John Jones, Edwin Parsons and Reginald William Roskelley, regularity.

FIFTH DIV.—MISS S. J. MUTTON, TEACHER. Promoted to Fourth Division—Henry Bird, John Young, McCarter, Norma McNeill, Emma Gallard, Winifred Pettit, George Holt, Ellen Johnston, Arthur Hansen, Ernest Harris, William Strachan, Lindsay Newbigging, Eunice Erskine and Kate Palmer.

Prize List—Henry Bird, first for proficiency; John Young, second for proficiency; Norma McNeill, writing and grammar; Ellen Johnston, composition; George Holt, arithmetic; Eva Taylor, geography; and Emma Gallard, Winnie Pettit, Arthur Hansen, William Strachan, Ernest Harris, Lindsay Newbigging, Eunice Erskine, Kate Palmer, James Newbigging, Nellie Salt, Sidney Burrows, Rachael Sheppard, Christopher Medwedrich and Frances Hilliger, diligence and regular attendance.

SIXTH DIV.—MISS E. J. KING, TEACHER. Promoted to Fifth Division—Robert John Porter, Joseph Henry Reid, Samuel Bernard Reid, Florence Percival Pridham, George Henry Price, Howard Dack, Albert Desmond Fuggle, Robert Pike, Robert John Patterson, Gertrude de Ridder, Hugh Douglas Cavin, Isabel Maitland Gregg, Charles Hansen, Florence Ethel Kettle, Peter Egbert McCarter, James Austin Gill, Alexander Stewart, Georgina Grant, John McGregor, William Fraser and Harry Robson Monck.

Prize List—Robert John Porter, proficiency; Albert Desmond Fuggle, diligence; Isabel Maitland Gregg, reading and writing; Joseph Henry Reid, arithmetic; Samuel Bernard Reid, grammar; Howard Dack, geography.

Promoted to Sixth Division—Francis Thornton Reid, Victor William Auld, and James Baker.

Prize List—Francis Thornton Reid, proficiency; Victor William Auld, second in proficiency; James Baker, third in proficiency; Kenneth William McCarter, diligence; Charles Hugh Mackintosh, spelling

Promoted to Sixth Division—Francis Thornton Reid, Victor William Auld, and James Baker.

Prize List—Francis Thornton Reid, proficiency; Victor William Auld, second in proficiency; James Baker, third in proficiency; Kenneth William McCarter, diligence; Charles Hugh Mackintosh, spelling

Promoted to Sixth Division—Francis Thornton Reid, Victor William Auld, and James Baker.

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Lay three dollars on a checker board. Put \$1.25 labeled "leather etc." to the right, 75c named "labor" to the left, and \$1.50 marked "profit" as far away as possible—that's the average \$3.50 shoe. Now take 50c from "profit" and add it to "leather," etc., with 10c. to the sole. Goodyear Welted. \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50.

"The Slater Shoe"

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(full marks): Lucy Cousins, first in spelling match; and Josie Beek, writing.

EIGHTH DIV.—MISS A. J. MUNRO, TEACHER. Promoted to Seventh Division—Ellie Caven, Reginald Willis, Winnie Andrew, Marjorie Noye, Fook Kee, Loo Figh, Ethel Mann, Frank Cox, John Young, Frederick Stember, Benjamin Odsdon, and Millie Bush.

Each pupil promoted received a prize. EIGHTH (A) DIV.—MISS M. LUCAS, TEACHER. Promoted to First Primer—Fred Dinsdale, Agnes Slickland, James Lemmox, George H. West, Stanley Anderson, William Beynon, Jeanne Wilkerson, Fred Wille, Emma Price, George Menzie, Noel Thomas, Cuthbert Stapledon, Hilda Jackson, Willie Stewart, Janet Hutchinson, Walter Carmichael, Stanley Sherck, Nellie Bayly, Charlotte Clayton, Alex. Babchuck and Sydney Humber.

Prize List—Janet Hutchinson, George West, May Heater, Nellie Bayly, Richard Andrew, James Lemmox, Walter Carmichael, Hilda Jackson, Jeanne Wilkerson, Agnes Strickland, Fred Dinsdale, Stanley Anderson, Willie Stewart, Jennie Russell, Genevieve Bone, Margaret Freil and Charlotte Clayton.

AT VICTORIA WEST.

Teachers and Pupils Celebrate With Appropriate Exercises the Coming of Christmas.

For the greater convenience of visitors and scholars, the closing exercises in connection with the public schools of Victoria West were conducted yesterday afternoon at Temple's hall. The large attendance demonstrated the wisdom of this arrangement, for never before has so many of the parents and friends of education in the western suburb manifested more hearty interest in the work of the school. Col. the Hon. James Baker, minister of education, was one of the distinguished guests of the day, the department over which he presides being also represented by Inspector Burns; while Trustees J. B. Lovell and Mrs. Grant were present as members of the city school board to deliver short congratulatory addresses. Rev. J. P. Hicks and Rev. W. D. Barber, who never miss an opportunity to express their cordial sympathy with educational effort—especially in Victoria West—also spoke briefly, but appreciatively, of the good work accomplished during the term now closed, and Principal McNeill, of the North Ward, and a number of other teachers in the city schools demonstrated by their presence their sympathy with the work of Principal Tait and his staff of co-workers.

The programme of the afternoon included plenty of good speech-making, the reading of the prize and promotion lists, and school music in plenty and of high standard, with an additional feature of very clever class club-swinging. The school songs embraced the patriotic "Red, White and Blue," and "Maple Leaf"; the tuneless rounds "Scotland's Burning" and "Come, Follow Me"; and the ringing choruses "Always Take Mother's Advice," "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," "Winter Time," "High in the Belfry," and "Christmas Song." During the progress of the afternoon's proceedings the pupils of Principal Tait's division took advantage of the opportunity to present him with a pretty, solid silver napkin ring, suitably engraved, accompanied by the following expression of their feelings toward him:

"We, your pupils of the First Division, feel that we cannot separate on this occasion without assuring you of our heartfelt appreciation of your untiring efforts for our advantage during the year just closed. We recognize your skill and tact as a teacher, and we also feel grateful to you for the courtesy and kindness you have ever shown to us individually. We hope that when the time comes that our relations as master and pupils shall have ceased, you will, when you look upon it, think kindly of your class of '96."

Victoria West School.

FIRST DIV.—L. TAIT, PRINCIPAL. Prize List—Thomas Cessford, general proficiency; Blossom Fawcett, reading; Bertha Messick, writing; Maggie McKay, Melissa Harper and John Battersby, improvement in writing.

SECOND DIV.—MISS GARDNER, TEACHER. Promoted to First Division—Ernest Lyall Tait, Helen Elizabeth Somerville, Nellie Anderson, William Battersby, Svea Hilda Jacobson, Frederic McGraw, and Florence McKel.

Prize List—Ernest Lyall Tait, general proficiency.

THIRD DIV.—J. J. STEPHENSON, TEACHER. Promoted to Second Division—Hilda Johanna Stromgren, Clara Ethel Messier, Bruce Albert McNaughten, Nellie May Furman, and Jennie Simpson Anderson.

Prize List—Hilda Johanna Stromgren, general proficiency.

FOURTH DIV.—MISS M. GAUDIN, TEACHER. Promoted to Third Division—Bert Dodd, Hilda Richards and Nellie Craft, Nina Weaver, James Anderson and Martha Nicholson, recommended.

Prize List—Bert Dodd, general proficiency.

FIFTH DIV.—MISS NESBITT, TEACHER. Promoted to Fourth Division—Mary Florence Albany and Elizabeth Andrews.

Prize List—Mary F. Albany, general proficiency; Paul Smith, geography; special for good behaviour, presented by Mrs. Brown, Maud Brown.

SIXTH DIV.—MISS WORLOCK, TEACHER. Promoted to Fifth Division—Edwin Sims Tait, Archibald Columbus Gilchrist, Mary McNaughton, Lilian Pauline English and Gertrude Craft.

Prize List—Edwin Sims Tait, general proficiency; Margaret Somerville, deportment.

Promoted to Sixth Division—Carrie Ziegler, Violet Brown, Arthur Bings and

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EIGHTH DIVISION. Promoted to Seventh Division—Ethel Sarah Watson, Elsie Jean Tennent, Wilfred Prevost, George Joseph Watson, William Edwin Willis, Oliver Richards, Horace Wyndiait Gladding, Fred Grant Brown and John Lynd.

Prize List—Ethel Watson, general proficiency; Elsie Tennent, neatness.

NINTH DIVISION. Promoted to Eighth Division—Winifred Peat, Lizzie Rowe, Celia Buggley, Eva Peat, Mabel Conceron, Bertie Clayton, John Allen, Charlie Phipps, Daisy Potts, Henry Kroger and Bertie Tennent.

Prize List—Lizzie Rowe and Winifred Peat, general proficiency.

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

Market Opened Steady, But Towards Noon Fell Irregularly.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Evening Post says the stock market opened steady but towards noon fell irregularly. The standard shares seemed to be supported at the lower level. Industrial stocks on the other hand declined with very little interruption. Towards the close, when news arrived that Senator Morgan's speech was being received with calm indifference and that the Senate had adjourned over the holidays, parts of the market rallied fractionally. At the close there was little disposition to recovery and prices yielded. Closing bids:

Atchison	13 3/4
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	7 1/2
Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus & St. L.	26 1/2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas (preferred)	27
Missouri Pacific	19 1/2
Northern Pacific (preferred)	22 1/2
Southern Pacific	15 1/2
Southern Ry.	9 1/2
Union Pacific	9
Western Union	85 1/2
Commercial Cable	10 1/2
C. P. R. in London	50 1/2

The Evening Post London special says the stock markets remain idle and depressed. A sharp rise in Turkish stocks on good buying was the only favorable features to-day.

Mining Companies' office stationery a specialty at the Colonist office.

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SUN LIFE ASS'N—Hartman & Co., 44 Broad St.

A. W. MORE & CO., 70 Douglas street.

HORSE-SHOING. W. C. BRYANT—92 Douglas street.

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WANTED—Second hand organ in good condition; state price. Address X.Y., Colonist office. del5-2t

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WANTED—Young girl to look after child and assist in house work. Mrs. G. M. Leshman, Dallas road, near Menzies. del5-2t

WANTED—In Vancouver, by 1st January, a school, desiring engagement as governess in family; best references. H.A.H., Colonist office. del3-3t

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WANTED—A girl to do housework. Address 33, the Colonist office. del10

WANTED—Lady's second hand bicycle in good order; state make and price. P.O. Box 207, City. del10-1t

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LOST—On Wednesday afternoon, a fur tippet, between Dunsmuir road, the Barracks, and Lamson street. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. del5-1t

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR making best Plaster of Paris, pure white Alabaster, in 20-ton parcels; apply, C. C. Pemberton, Victoria, B.C. del1

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Westminster's New Municipal Council—Lord and Lady Sholto Douglas at Vancouver.

Escaped Convict Not Captured—Killed by the Cars—Growth of Revelstoke.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—The accident to Mr. J. D. Dalton, of the Fraser River Mining and Dredging Co., which occurred some few weeks ago at Lytton had a fatal termination yesterday. It will be remembered that Mr. Dalton was caught in the machinery of a dredge which necessitated the amputation of one of his legs on Sunday, from which he was unable to rally. The funeral took place to-day under the auspices of Cascade Lodge No. 12, A. F. and A. M. The man Eldridge who escaped from the jail at New Westminster on Saturday has not yet been re-captured. The police say there is little fear of his returning to Vancouver and just as little of his crossing over to the States, as he is too well known both here and there, but there does not appear to be any special effort being made to re-capture him.

A. C. Stewart, principal of the Mount Pleasant school, who was accidentally shot a few weeks ago, has so far recovered from the effect of the accident to be able to be removed from the hospital to his residence.

Captain Hepworth, lately of the Warimou, left for England yesterday to bring out the Aorangi, the new boat for the Canadian-Australian line.

Lord and Lady Sholto Douglas have arrived in the city and are registered at the Manor House. His Lordship says he has come to British Columbia to escape the persecutions of the sensational American press and to shoot ducks.

J. O. Williams, lately manager of the Manor house, has left for England. He expects to return to the city early in the spring.

Mr. Justice Bole held Supreme chambers yesterday, when a long list of matters was disposed of.

A meeting of some of the electors of Ward 4 was held last night for the purpose of forming a municipal league for that ward. Officers and committees were appointed and matters pertaining to the approaching municipal election discussed.

Rev. Dr. Lucas lectured last night on imperial federation in the Homer street Methodist church.

The city council held their usual weekly meeting last night, when a long discussion upon cemetery matters and the desirability of a new site being obtained occupied most of the time. Alderman Bethune incidentally mentioned that he did not intend to be in the council next year. This disposes of one of the talked of candidates for the mayoralty. The election regulation by-law passed through all its stages and deputy returning officers were appointed. The plumbers' license fee of \$25 came up for consideration, owing to some having refused to pay it. Ald. Clendenning informed Ald. Shaw that he had no right to insinuate, as he did, that the aldermen were trying to win popular favor because of the approaching elections, as he (Ald. Shaw) had no right to sit in the council at all, having been away and drawn his salary during his absence.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 15.—The programme for the reception of Hon. Mr. Davies is similar to that carried out on the occasion of the visit of Hon. Mr. Tarte. The Minister will be shown the salmon hatchery at Bon Accord and later in the day will take the east-bound train.

The death occurred on Sunday morning of Miss Upton, a well known resident of this province during the past eighteen years. Miss Upton's death occurred very suddenly, as she was apparently in good health the preceding day. Heart affection was the cause. The funeral took place to-day in the Church of England cemetery at Sapperton.

The municipal elections yesterday resulted in the re-election of Mayor Shiles by a majority of 62. Messrs. Owens, Gilleanders, W. A. Johnson, J. Jagger, R. Buckland, W. A. Handcock, Robson, Calbeck, Douglas and Kearney were elected as aldermen. Mr. A. E. Woods being defeated.

DUNCAN.

DUNCAN, Dec. 15.—A sale of work and entertainment under the combined auspices of the King's Daughters and the St. Peter's (Quannichan) church sewing society is to be held at the agricultural hall on Thursday afternoon next.

The Cowichan Institute will give at the agricultural hall, dances on the 22nd December, 21st of January, 18th of February, and 29th April and entertainments on the 7th January and 4th February.

REVELSTOKE.

(From the Kootenay Mail.)

Trout Lake will be one of the shipping silver camps this year. The Great Northern has let a contract for hauling three hundred tons of ore, which will probably go to the Nelson smelter. Last week there was shipped from Arrowhead a consignment of Silver Cup ore to the Tacoma smelter. The shipment was one of twenty tons, and was of an average value of \$400 per ton. The silver ores of that district are as rich in silver as those of the Slocan, and go well also in gold.

The inquest on the body of the man killed on the Arrow Lake branch on Friday disclosed the fact that he was a Swede named Andrew Johnson. The coroner's jury decided that he was "killed accidentally by an engine, while under the influence of liquor, no blame attaching to anyone." A rider was added that as the depot and its neighborhood at Arrowhead is more or less a thoroughfare, the railway company should properly light the place.

At the sitting of the court of revision on Thursday it was demonstrated that this town and surrounding country were progressing favorably and adding materially to the country's wealth and development. The total taxes of last year were: high rate, \$7,325.14; low rate,

\$5,700.19. This year they are, high rate, \$9,199.84; low rate, \$7,312.09; giving an average increase of nearly \$2,000 in taxes. The increase from other receipts in the local office, such as mining and revenue, amounts to about \$6,000 more than last year.

Mr. Jameson, engineer for the Horne-Payne Co., has given Craig & Hillman a contract for hauling two hundred tons of ore from the Broadview. On this property they are sinking a shaft and running a level to the vein, and will also run a second tunnel one hundred feet below the first workings to catch the vein for depth and give stoping. When the vein is caught and the ore picked, shipments will probably begin.

The fact of Messrs. Marpole and Mara going to Montreal together has given rise to much speculation, but it is generally conceded that the most probable reason is the possible purchase of the C. & K. S. N. Co.'s steamers and business by the C.P.R.

CARIBOO.

(From the B.C. Mining Journal.)

Work at the North Star mine, near Quesnelle, is shut down.

George B. Walker and three men are working a claim on the Bonaparte river about sixteen miles up the Cariboo road. Some fine locations have been made in the vicinity of Hat creek.

Considerable work is being done on all the creeks in the vicinity of Barkerville and Stanley. Ground has been found on Cunningham creek which is reported to run over \$2.50 a yard.

Frequent mention has been made of the quicksilver mines at Savona, not far from Ashcroft. The discovery of cinnabar in that section demonstrates the great variety of mineral which is being found in British Columbia. It is said it is the only place in the British empire where quicksilver is found. Large bodies of low grade ore are now blocked out. Beside there are several veins of richer ore. It is expected that the low grade ore will average about 1 per cent. The plant now in operation will treat daily from 20 to 50 tons. The market for quicksilver is practically unlimited, as besides the great consumption of the metal in mining, in the arts and for other purposes, there is a large demand for it in China for the manufacture of vermilion.

Attention is again being directed to the neighborhood of Rockford, many of the old mineral claims having been relocated and others staked out as well. It is reported that among the recent discoveries are two distinct lodes, each about twelve feet in width and showing galena freely. Rockford is on the road between Kamloops and Spence's Bridge, about thirty miles to the south of the former place.

FARMERS AND THE TARIFF.

TO THE EDITOR:—The following letter has been addressed to me by the Hon. Sidney Fisher, and I would be glad if you will insert the same in your next issue:

"OTTAWA.

"MY DEAR SIR:—I desire to draw the attention of your association to the invitation that has been sent out on behalf of the government to all who are interested in the revision of the tariff. "It is the desire of the government to afford every facility to those engaged in all industries to lay their views upon this question before the committee charged with the investigation. As the Minister of Agriculture, I am especially anxious that those engaged in the business of farming should discuss what changes in our customs duties can be made in their interests, and put their views before the committee.

"I would suggest, therefore, that your association, representing a branch of this industry, should discuss the question, and either forward resolutions adopted at your meeting, or name a committee to meet the committee of the government. In the latter case, on information from you, I shall be happy to arrange an early opportunity for your committee to meet the committee of the government at some central point in your province.

"I am, my dear sir,

"Yours sincerely,

"SIDNEY FISHER,

"Minister of Agriculture.

"G. H. Hadwen, Secretary, Dairyman's Association of British Columbia, 'Duncan, B.C.'"

In regard to this matter I would suggest that the agricultural societies throughout the province take up the question through their directors or executive committees. Let these sit with the present tariff before them, considering what items affect them adversely, afterwards submitting the whole question to a general meeting of their members. This, I think, would be preferable to the holding of public meetings without previous preparation.

The question, apart from party politics, is peculiarly important to British Columbian farmers, as, whereas British Columbia imports farm produce the other provinces export the same, it behooves us, therefore, to make our opinions heard if we do not wish to be ignored.

Any resolutions referring to the subject can be forwarded to me, and committees appointed could report at the annual meeting of the Dairyman's Association, which will probably be held about the end of January in Victoria.

G. HADWEN, Secretary.

Duncan, Dec. 14.

(Mainland papers kindly copy.)

Armenians for Canada.

HALIFAX, Dec. 15.—Twenty-one Armenians, forwarded from England by the Salvation Army, will arrive here tomorrow on their way to the Army's industrial home at Toronto. They will be cared for by the Army while here. They are a part of a large party which left Armenia and arrived at Marseilles, France, some days ago.

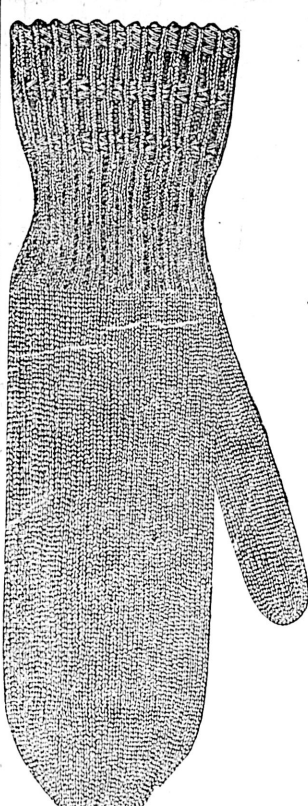
New Canadian Loan.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Mail-Empire says it is regarded as altogether likely that within the next few months the government will float a new loan on the British market, for which there is parliamentary authority. The amount borrowed will be about ten millions, or perhaps more, judging from the present outlook.

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Cariboo Camp	15	Mayflower	15
Cariboo	15	Monte Cristo	17
Chaney	26	Monte	25
Celtic Queen	105	Mugwump	16
Coloma	12 1/2	Monte Cristo	17
Comstock	27	Nest Egg	19 1/2
Deer Park	19	Novelty	12 1/2
Delacola	10 1/2	O.K.	21
Elise	10	Old Ironsides	14
Erle	10	Poorman	15
Great Western	17 1/2	Red Mountain	12
Highland	15	Red Eagle	107 1/2
Kureka	10 1/2	St. Elmo	12 1/2
Evening Star	18	Star	10
Good Hope	2000 at 10 1/2	Star	10
Great Western	17 1/2	Star	10
Gibson (near Keslo)	10	Star	10
Hattie Brown	10	Star	10
Ross's Homestead	17	Star	10
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Coloma	12 1/2	Iron Queen	10 1/2
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LET US UNITE.

It is to the interest of all the inhabitants of Victoria that its affairs be well conducted by competent men, who have no other object in view than the welfare and the convenience of the citizens. Those who try to make the electors believe that the interests of the rich men of the city are opposed to and different from the interests of those who are not so well off are either ignorant and unthinking or they are deliberately and for their own selfish purposes endeavoring to set one class against another.

It does not take much thinking or deep thinking to convince an honest man of average intelligence that the citizens who are not rich suffer quite as much from bad city government as those who are rich. If, for instance, the streets of the city are not kept in proper repair, if they are dirty and uneven, and if loose stones are allowed to lie on them from one month's end to the other, who are most inconvenienced, the people who are very well off, or those who have enough to do to make both ends meet? The hard working mechanic and his family have to use the streets quite as much as his rich neighbor. His wife and daughters are as greatly inconvenienced by the mud and the dust as are the wife and daughters of the millionaire, and they are less able to get new garments in place of those that are spoiled by the mud and the dust. The cabman's or the drayman's horses are as easily lamed by the loose stones on the streets as are those of the richest man in town, and, as all know, the injury to the animal or the vehicle which would be a trifle to the rich man, would be a serious misfortune to the poor one.

The citizens who are not well off need police protection and well lighted streets quite as much, if not more than their richer neighbors. Good, sweet, pure water is as necessary in the household of the carpenter or the blacksmith as it is in that of the doctor, the merchant, or the lawyer; and so, of all the departments of the city Government, the household who has just enough to live on derives quite as much benefit from their being made efficient and kept in good order, as the largest property owner in the city. We venture to say that the delay in replacing the Point Ellice bridge caused greater inconvenience and loss to the class of citizens who are not considered well-to-do than to those who are believed to be in good circumstances.

If this city of Victoria had a city government that knew how to make the most of its resources and that had no other object than to make it what it ought to be, and it could easily be made to be, the pleasantest place to live in the Dominion of Canada, who, we ask, would derive the most benefit from the change? We have no hesitation in answering the wage-earners, the shopkeepers and the tradesmen. They would receive the full benefit of all the city improvements which would make their lives pleasanter and more comfortable, and there being a large class of wealthy residents who would, for the sake of the climate, come to the city from all parts of not only the Dominion, but the continent, employment would be more easily obtained than it is now, trade would be brisker, and money would be more plentiful. Imagine the change that a large leisure class who had plenty of money to spend would make in this city. And such a class would on account of Victoria's many advantages be attracted here if it were only blessed with a city govern-

ment composed of business men, who should manage its affairs on business principles. The change which men of this class made on a large scale in the city of Birmingham would be made on a smaller one in the city of Victoria.

But this change cannot be effected by mere talk of any kind. What is wanted are workers—men who are ready to exercise their abilities and to sacrifice part of their time for the good of the city. The sooner the citizens get rid of blather-skite councillors, men who can do nothing but talk and who make a mess of the work which it is their duty to do, the better for them and for the future of the city. What better is this city for all the jabber which its aldermen have indulged in during the last three or four years? It would have been better for Victoria if the men had been dumb and spent the time in working which they wasted in talking.

A HINDU TEACHER.

It is natural to suppose that the famine in India is looked upon by pious Hindus as a visitation of Providence sent to punish them for their sins. In former times sacrifices of goats and other animals were offered to propitiate the offended or angry gods, and if the famine continued a human victim was placed on the altar. "As lately as the famine of 1866, such a sacrifice was offered at a railway station within 25 miles of Calcutta—a boy's head with staring eyes and clotted tongue being left before the idol, decked with flowers."

But the educated Hindus although they have not changed their religion have ceased to offer sacrifices. They believe that the famine has been sent as a punishment for their sins and they also believe that all merely human means that are used to avert it are futile. They believe that the only way by which the offended deity can be appeased is by repentance and prayer.

There are rationalistic Hindus, who attribute the famine to strictly natural causes and who believe that the only effectual way to lessen the sufferings of the people and to bring about a return of plenty is by the use of means devised by human skill and forethought. These rationalists appear to be greatly in the minority among the native population of India. The great majority take the supernatural view and exhort the people to repent and to study their religious books, in order that their punishment may be lightened. When the prospect began to look serious, early in October, "The Indian Mirror" had a striking article headed "The present visitations of God are a punishment for our sins." This is how the London Times describes the articles that appeared in that sheet, written, it must be remembered, by a "heathen," for the edification of heathens:

"Amid so many perils," it wrote, "what can we puny mortals do but pray for the mitigation of the Divine wrath? Human efforts at best must prove unavailing. We have repeatedly urged that it is because of the sins both of the rulers and the ruled that these visitations of God come upon a country. This is a Shastric axiom." When the outlook darkened, the Indian Mirror, as chief organ of the Congress party in Bengal, appealed with increasing earnestness "to all classes of our countrymen, and to Hindus in particular, to cultivate their spiritual nature; that being the only means by which the present disasters can be averted." It finds those disasters have been inflicted "for no other reason but that we have forgotten our Shastras and have been immersed too much in unreal concerns. Modern science can neither alleviate nor explain the cause of the sufferings which we owe to our Karma," i.e., to the Divine sequence of moral cause and effect. "The golden treasures which our great Rishis have preserved for us in the Shastras are lying despoiled. . . . It is for their unrighteousness the Hindus are suffering to-day. We have provoked the gods, and they are punishing us not too severely for our sins. There is no subject of human concern about which we cannot get knowledge from our Scriptures. Neither the Congress orations nor municipal debates," concludes the article, "can rescue the nation in the absence of righteousness."

In another article the Hindu editor wrote:

Human efforts are unavailing before the visitations of Providence. Modern science with its endless sophisms and shibboleths is too weak a weapon to strike down the calamities which God inflicts on the human race. . . . Repent and reform. Our Hindu countrymen should at this juncture turn over the pages of their sacred books and see for themselves what are the causes which give rise to such calamities. Select passages from the Shastras with translations in English and the vernaculars should be circulated broadcast.

Our readers cannot but see that the above is very much like what an earnest Christian teacher would say under similar circumstances. The writer in the Times seems to be struck by the resemblance, for he ends his article with the following passage:

Such men believe that true Hinduism is to be found by appealing back from medieval corruptions to the spirit of their ancient texts. They have only to carry the process far enough on lines selected by themselves to arrive at one of the most philosophic systems of theism which the world has seen. Such a system sees in the present famine a Divine punishment for sin. It seeks escape, not by unavailing human efforts (although it demands that the officials shall do their utmost), but from the mercy of the gods. It implores that mercy, not by sacrificial rites, but by self-repentance and a general supplication to the Deity. For it recognizes, constantly and consistently, that behind and beyond the popular forms in which the Divine may be worshipped lies the one self-existent God. The present crisis has brought into prominence the fact that

Hinduism is as plastic as ever, capable of assimilating the religious ideas of each new period and presenting them as a part of its historic self.

THE OFFICIAL COUNT.

According to the official returns, the number of votes cast for McKinley electors was 7,122,724 and the number cast for those of Bryan 6,498,857. These figures give McKinley a majority of 623,867. This is considerably less than the million that was claimed for him a short time after the day of election. There were four other candidates for the Presidency—Palmer, Levering, Matchett and Bentley. These obtained respectively 125,037, 125,473, 16,016 and 9,665 votes. Palmer was the candidate of the Old Democrats, who repudiated the candidacy of Bryan. The Populists voted for Bryan for President and Watson for Vice President in quite a number of the states; but the figures we have given are Bryan's whole vote.

The vote of the Electoral College will not be in proportion to the popular vote. "If the McKinley electors," says the New York Herald, "should receive the certificates, his vote as the figures now stand will be 276 and Bryan 171;" that is, McKinley will get 105 more votes than Bryan. This is, owing to what a Canadian contemporary denominates "the American stupid style of voting." A style which would give the office to the candidate who might be largely in the minority appears a good deal worse than merely "stupid."

An examination of the popular vote must convince those who deride Bryan and the cause he advocates, that the opponents of free silver can hardly afford to despise the Boy Orator and his following. A cause that can command six millions and a half of votes in the United States is not to be laughed at. The aggregate of the votes polled did not reach fourteen millions, and of these nearly six millions and a half were polled for Bryan and free silver. It is quite within the possibilities that when the next Presidential election is held more than half of the votes will be cast for the free silver candidate, for heresies, financial and other, are, in the United States, very long-lived.

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ROBERT BEAVEN.

Victoria, 16th November, 1896. nol7-11

THE MAYORALTY,

To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

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At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

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To the Electors of South Ward.

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Three Strong Parallel Leads Traverse both claims a distance of 3,000 feet. Numerous open cuts show ore on all these leads, but with the exception of this surface work, development has been confined to No. 1 lead on the Gibson, where a cross-cut tunnel is now being run to cut No. 2 lead after having crossed No. 1 at a depth of 38 feet, where five inches of clean galena ore and five feet of high concentrating ore was found. One car of ore shipped from the surface of No. 2 lead in January of this year, gave smelter returns of 73 oz. silver and 63 per cent. lead to the ton, which is very high for surface showings.

The Tunnel Now Going Ahead will give 50 feet of depth on No. 2 lead, and if continued, as is the object of the Company, will tap No. 3 lead at a depth of 150 feet. Numerous assays of ore from the surface showings and the deeper working give from 73 ounces to 150 ounces silver, all high in lead, and the general average of the whole is conservatively placed at 100 ounces. Another car of this ore is to be shipped as soon as the "rawhiding" season begins.

The Ore Can be Conveyed to the Railway at a cost of about \$5.00 per ton, and put down at Kaslo, on Kootenay Lake, at a cost of \$3.00 more.

Twenty-five Thousand of these Shares will be sold at 10 cents; other issues at 15 and 20 cents, as development progresses. Application to be made to

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"THE ROSSLAND DAILY RECORD"

of November 30th, has the following:

"The King of Scotch Whiskies,"

THE
 THISTLE BLEND,

IS WORTHY OF ALL CROWNS."

If you are interested in the above please call upon

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AUCTION SALES.

Dec. 14—Fishing boat, nets, etc. G. Byrnes.
Dec. 16—Property and plant of B.C. Paper Mfg.
Co. W. T. Hardaker.
Dec. 17—Furniture, etc. W. T. Hardaker.

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Toys and Fancy goods; in endless
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evening.

THE CITY

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nah.

AUCTIONEER HARDAKER announces the
sale of the B. C. Paper Co.'s plant, at
his rooms to-day.

Mrs. PEMBERTON, Mrs. Gordon Grant,
Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Flett are cordially
thanked for recent donations to the Re-
fuge Home.

The executive committee of the Van-
couver Plowing Association during the
ensuing year is to consist, in addition to
the officers, of the following gentlemen:
Messrs. W. Simpson, J. T. McIlmoyle,
A. Rose, G. Clark and A. Monro.

FRANK CARLSTROM, the Sanich mill
carpenter who was found in his room
at Chemainus with his throat cut, last
Friday morning, has been brought to
Victoria for treatment. With careful
attention it is expected that he will re-
cover, and—he has decided he does not
want to die just yet after all.

The work of specially fitting one of
the cells at the city lock-up for use dur-
ing the detention of insane patients is
proceeding rapidly under the personal
supervision of the city medical health
officer, Dr. R. L. Fraser. The cell is
being properly padded on all sides and
will be furnished with modern ap-
pliances of service in the handling of the
insane.

HERE is the really meritorious pro-
gramme arranged for this evening as a
sequel to the afternoon sale of fancy
work especially suitable for Christmas
presents: Piano duet, Mrs. D. R. Har-
ris and Miss E. Wilson; vocal solo, Mr.
Kingham; vocal solo, Miss Jameson;
recitation, Mr. Allan; vocal solo, Mr. H.
Abbott; vocal solo, Miss Jameson; pi-
ano solo, Mrs. Day; vocal solo, Lieut.
Macdonald; vocal solo, Mrs. McCrady;
and vocal solo, Mr. P. Wollaston.

REV. SOLOMON CLEVER officiated yester-
day at the funeral of Mr. William
Powell, of St. Louis street, the services
both at the family residence and at Ross
Bay cemetery, where the interment was
made, being particularly impressive.
The afflicted family have the sincerest
sympathy of the entire community in
their double bereavement, the news of
Mrs. Chapman's death while on her
way to attend her father's funeral hav-
ing quite prostrated the surviving mem-
bers of the family. She was stepping off
the moving train at Calgary, according
to a dispatch received from Mr. Chap-
man at Medicine Hat, and, slipping,
was drawn beneath the wheels of the
following car and killed almost instantly.
At the funeral of the father yesterday
the pall-bearers were: Messrs. Lawrence
Goodacre, W. W. Northcott, R. Ray, C.
E. Renouf, W. D. Curral and J. P.
Burgess.

The local corps of the Salvation Army
yesterday evening took possession of
their new and commodious home, the
Lyceum hall, formerly the Methodist
church, at the corner of Pandora avenue
and Broad street. To emphasize the im-
portance of the occasion an entertain-
ment was given with the transkinto-
graph, or up to date phonograph, so im-
proved that the entire audience hears
plainly without the inconvenience of
tubes. The instrument was last evening
in charge of Captain Leyh, of Seattle,
and its programme included several fa-
mous speeches of eminent men, good
music by the best bands, and songs by
the greatest singers of two continents.
Another entertainment is to be given at
the same place this day week, and Vic-
toria West and Sanichton also will be
visited. The vacated hall on Broad
street has already been taken by the
Knights of Pythias, who purpose con-
verting it into one of the finest castles
on the Coast. Mr. Fred Holland having
the contract for the work of alteration,
and his expectation being that all the
work will be completed by the first of
the new year.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occi-
dental

See our new Imperial cabinet.—Savan-
nah.

THE last regular meeting of the year
of Victoria Hive No. 1, Ladies of the
Maccabees, will be held this evening.

THE Fifth Regiment and Y.M.C.A.
Rugby Football teams again try con-
clusions at Beacon Hill next Saturday after-
noon.

RESIDENTS of James Bay would like to
know what has become of the police.
Yesterday morning about twenty boys
with bags were making their annual col-
lection of holly, boldly opening private
gates or climbing fences as best suited
their convenience.

REV. D. H. REID officiated yesterday
at the funeral of the late Duncan Milton
Gilchrist, the attendance of friends be-
ing large and the following acting as
pallbearers: Emerson Tarpel, Charles
Laney, Fred McConnell, Willie May-
nard, Charles Armstrong, and Arthur E.
Mallett.

It is reported that the Rosalie, on her
trip up from Port Townsend on Sat-
urday, struck the body of a drowned man
clad in a blue flannel suit of clothes.
The steamer was almost on the corpse
before it was seen, and it sank as the
bow of the steamer struck it, and did not
come to the surface again.

MR. W. T. COOKLEY, of Westminster,
lectured at the Metropolitan schoolroom
yesterday evening on "This Canada of
Ours," the interesting subject being
made yet more interesting by handsome
stereoscopic pictures of places and scenes
prominent for their beauty or their im-
portance throughout the Dominion.

The lecture on "Egypt and the Egyp-
tians" given by Mr. J. W. Laing, M.A.,
at the Blue Ribbon hall, Esquimalt, last
evening, proved most entertaining and
instructive. It was an almost ex-
haustive history of Egypt, its architec-
ture and the powers that made it fa-
mous. A vote of thanks to the lecturer by
Dr. Kirker, R.N., and Mr. Helmcken,
M.P.P., was cordially approved by the
audience, whose chief desire at the end
of the lecture was that Mr. Laing would
at an early date give another lecture.

THE Spokane Spokesman-Review says
that Charles A. Wing, of the British-
Canadian Gold Fields Company, has
returned from Meyers Falls, where he
put men to work on the Niagara group
of copper-gold claims recently purchased
by the company. The present work is
prospecting with a view of giving con-
tracts for development in the near future.
J. C. Haase is to have charge of the
work in the various claims in the Bound-
ary creek district recently acquired by
the British-Canadian Gold Fields Com-
pany.

SHE was such a young, bright, win-
some little body that it did not seem
possible she could have children old
enough to go to school and take prizes
and be promoted. Yet it certainly
seemed that way when she folded up her
copy of the Colonist yesterday, and
complacently remarked to the counter
clerk, "I think it's real nice of you to
publish all the names of the school chil-
dren this way." The clerk murmured
something about the majority of the
people grumbling about all the space
being taken up with lists of names,
and the fair one was indignant at once.
"Why, what a ridiculous idea," she
said. "I think it's splendid. You see,
we've got a baby up at our house—just
three weeks old—and we haven't got a
name for her yet. And if we can't get
something real nice out of all that assort-
ment from the public schools why surely
we must be hard to suit." The clerk
thought so too, but observed that if the
list should happen to fail, the office had
copies of the city directory and "Burke's
Peerage," and Webster's unabridged
dictionary and "Men and Women of
Our Time," and each and all were at the
command of subscribers in emergencies.
Whereat the searcher for a name for
baby became most profusely thankful.
She thinks, however, that the promotion
lists will be quite sufficient.

Jacket slaughter at The White House continues.

A Tremendous Success.

The great sacrifice sale of the dry goods
stock of the late W. Craft. Store crowd-
ed yesterday. Additional salespeople
for to-day. Bargains for everybody.
Craft's, 93 Douglas street.

Samples from our immense stock of
carpets, drapery and upholstering goods
sent to any part of the Province; we
have special facilities. Weiler Bros.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside.

Boys' English Overcoats..\$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.50
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PLAGUE VISITED JAPAN

The Just Arrived "Empress" Re-
ports Smallpox Epidemic at Two
of Her Coast Cities.

Australian Liners May Coat at Comox
—O. R. & N. Liners—Another
New Collier.

Shortly after eight yesterday the C. P.
R. trans-Pacific liner Empress of India,
Capt. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., made fast
to the outer wharf, completing a fast and
pleasant trip from the land of the Mik-
ado. She sailed from Yokohama on
December 4. When she arrived her
purser, Mr. S. C. Binns, was armed with
clean bills of health from Nagasaki,
Kobe and Yokohama, the only three
Japanese ports of call touched at, and
including the one in which smallpox is
said to be quite prevalent. At Kobe,
too, no one was allowed ashore, and
other precautionary measures were taken
to comply with quarantine regulations.
Only one saloon passenger disembarked
at Victoria. He is Mr. H. W. Smyth,
who, having been attached to the gov-
ernment service in Siam for some
years, is now on his way to
England on a long vacation.
The steamer's entire saloon company
was rather small, being as follows:
Capt. C. Ashburnham, Rt. Rev. Bishop
Bickersteth, Mrs. Bickersteth, C. W.
Collier, S. W. Cummings, Mrs. S. W.
Cummings, G. T. Gerlinger, Mr. H. R.
Harris, H. Iwasaki and servant, R.
Nomura, J. M. Robledo, H. W. Smyth,
and S. Yamaguchi. Of a large number
of Chinese aboard twenty-one landed
here. The Empress' cargo is made up
of 1,900,000 pounds of overland freight,
exclusive of 220 tons of silk, 200 tons of
miscellaneous merchandise for Victoria,
and 100 tons for Puget Sound ports.

MEETS TWO ORIENTAL LINERS.
Receiving advices from Portland yester-
day that the O. R. & N. steamship
Monmouthshire had reached there from
Japan and China during the day, Mr. F.
C. Davidge, the company's general
agent, left for that point last evening.
The Monmouthshire will be due here on
the 22nd inst., and an important ship-
ment awaiting her arrival is nearly 4,000
barrels of lime. At Portland there is, it
is said, already more than sufficient
cargo for her capacity, and a great
deal of this will have to be left
behind. Mr. Davidge expects to meet
in Portland the steamship Aswanley,
which inaugurates an important service
between Portland and Sydney, N.S.W.,
of which he is the principal promoter.
It is not expected that this vessel will
come to Victoria on her present trip, as
the business offering here is not yet suf-
ficient to support two Australian liners,
but that it will in the near future is
confidently expected. The Aswanley,
which is now on her way to the Orient,
cargo laden, is a brand new ship, belong-
ing to the same parties as the Asolun,
of the O. R. & N. line.

YESTERDAY saw the first appearance of
the tug Lorne in port since Saturday
evening. She had just returned from
towing the coal-laden ship Princess to
sea from Departure Bay, and had been
in port hardly a breathing spell when
she received orders to proceed to Van-
couver with the ship Speke. When off
the Cape she sighted the ship Forest
Queen bound for the Sound from San
Francisco. The Lorne leaving here on
Saturday evening, had as a passenger
Capt. Hepworth, the gentleman who is
to bring out to the Pacific the new Aus-
tralian liner, Aorangi. His mission on
the Lorne, it is stated, was to make a
personal survey of navigation about
Comox, with a view of in future taking
his vessel there for coal. At present the
Australian ships receive their bunker
coal from a tender at Vancouver, but it
is reported that this practice is shortly
to be discontinued.

A NEW COLLIER.
The steam collier Czarina will have
her trial trip this afternoon, says the
S. F. Call of Saturday. Since her arrival
here from Pensacola she has been thor-
oughly overhauled. She was purchased
by John D. Spreckels for the Beaver Hill
coal trade, but on her way the boilers
gave out. H. C. Tabrett, marine super-
intendent of the Risdon Iron Works,
found that the engines were out of place
and that everything needed a thorough
overhauling. This Mr. Spreckels ordered,
and the Czarina, as a result, is regarded
as the most perfectly equipped vessel of
her class on the Pacific Coast.

A MACDUFF SAILOR INJURED.
"Frank" a Malayan sailor on the
steamer Macduff, fell from the St. Paul
& Tacoma mill dock at Tacoma, Sat-
urday night.

MARINE NOTES.
Steamer Roche Harbor came in from

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from Wheat, just so long will
the best Bread be made from
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the American side yesterday with 2,000
barrels of lime in transit to Honolulu,
to be shipped on the next out bound O. R.
& N. liner.

Steamer Tees sailed for Houston and
way ports last evening with the follow-
ing among her cabin passengers: Capt.
Rupert Cox, J. Thomson and Mrs. Dick-
son.

Schooner Osprey, Captain C. Mc-
Dougall, cleared yesterday on her
annual sealing cruise, twenty men sign-
ing on her.

ENTERED—DEC. 15.

Str. Charmer, from Vancouver.
"City of Kingston," Port Townsend.
"Rosalie," Port Townsend.
"Constance," Nanaimo.
"Maude," Comox.
"Alarm," Neuchâtelitz.
"Lorne," Straits.
"Princess Louise," N. Westminster.
"Evangel," Port Angeles.
"Empress of India," Yokohama.
Sloop Eileen, Vesuvius Bay.

CLEARED—DEC. 15.

Str. Charmer, for Vancouver.
"City of Kingston," Port Townsend.
"Rosalie," Port Townsend.
"Princess Louise," N. Westminster.
"Maude," Comox.
"Alarm," Neuchâtelitz.
"Lorne," Vancouver.
"Empress of India," Vancouver.
Bark Drumell, London.
Schr. Osprey, N. P. O.
Sloop Eileen, Vesuvius Bay.

"STANFORD" STUDENTS.

The Famous Glee and Mandolin Clubs of
This Well Known University to Visit
Victoria the Night After Xmas.

The students of Stanford University
are supplementing their Thanksgiving
football victory by sending their glee
and mandolin clubs on a tour of the
Coast, coming as far north as Victoria
and Vancouver. The glee club includes
sixteen men, besides soloists and special-
ists. No collegiate club west of Phila-
delphia presents a programme of equal
variety. Walter Camp, father of Ameri-
can football and the best informed col-
lege man in the country, places the
Stanford clubs on the same plane with
the famous musical and specialty clubs
of old Yale.

The use of the name Stanford is the
only advertisement the clubs need. The
decision of the United States Supreme
court, the prominence of Stanford pro-
fessors in literary circles, the recent
achievements of the students in football,
baseball and on the track, make Stan-
ford a household word; and many per-
sons will come to see and hear these
young fellows more on account of what
they represent than of what they can do.

It is needless to say that Stanford re-
quires no introduction in this vicinity.
She already has placed in the hands of
many Victorians the weapon of educa-
tion that they have used to effect in the
battle of life, and she now harbors
within her walls many Victoria boys and
girls who will be the men and women of
the next generation. A large house and
warm reception undoubtedly await their
representative musicians, whose engage-
ment here will be the special event of
the holiday season. They play one
night at the Victoria theatre—Saturday,
December 26.

The lecture room of St. Andrew's
Presbyterian church was crowded to
overflowing last night, the occasion be-
ing a lecture by Mr. R. B. McMicking
on the overland trip taken by him and
others from Queenston, Niagara, to
British Columbia in 1863. On a pre-
vious occasion Mr. McMicking lectured
on the first part of the journey, from
Queenston to old Fort Garry (now
Winnipeg), and his lecture last night
was on that part of the trip from
Fort Garry to Edmonton and thence
across the Rockies at Tete Jaune Cache.
Rev. W. Leslie Clay acted as chairman,
and Hon. Robert Beaven occupied a
chair beside him on the platform. The
lecture was listened to with close atten-
tion and well deserved the hearty ap-
plause it received from the large and
appreciative audience. Mr. McMicking
is a lecturer of more than ordi-
nary merit, and the adventures
of flood and field were portrayed in
vivid and poetic language, interspersed
with humorous incidents in the expe-
rience of those early gold seekers. The
first impressions of the view of the
Rockies upon the wayfarers was dis-
cribed in a manner so realistic and
poetic that the audience was carried

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Valencia "		Dates,
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London Layers,		Candies,
Cleaned Almonds,		Bananas,
Peels,		Japanese Oranges
Shelled Almonds,		Snow Apples,
Shelled Walnuts,		Northern Spy.

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away with enthusiastic bursts of ap-
plause. Mr. McMicking promises an-
other instalment of the lecture at an
early date. Last evening's lecture was
interspersed with music and songs by the
Misses Spring, Brown and McMicking,
Mrs. McCandless, Miss Fraser, Mr.
Phillips and Rev. Mr. Harris. At the
close, a hearty vote of thanks to the lec-
turer and musicians was proposed by
Mr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. John
Jesson, and unanimously adopted.

RED MOUNTAIN RAILWAY.
Passenger Service to Begin on Saturday—
Serious Charge—Deer Park and
Homestake Mines.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The
cross-cut on the 108-foot level of the
Deer Park has now been driven twenty
feet in solid ore and no wall is in sight,
the ore being of the same character as
was found in the last forty feet of the
shaft. Shipment will begin as soon as
the new machinery is installed and the
wagon road is built.

The new plants of the Homestake and
Red Mountain started up yesterday.
President Corbin to-day received tele-
graphic permission to begin operating
the Red Mountain railway. The block-
ade of freight at Northport for this
point will be cleared up before passenger

AMERICAN LINE.

New York to
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SS. PARIS.....Sailing Dec. 23, 10 a.m.
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GEORGE THOMPSON,

Late 34th Regiment, and in possession of the
Military Medal and Clasp for Lucknow, will be
pleased to polish gentlemen's boots; honor-
arium, 10 cents. Campbell's Corner. ocl5

service begins, which will positively be
on Saturday.

A negro named Aston attempted a
serious assault at Trail yesterday on an
18 year old daughter of Mr. White, of
the Columbia hotel. He is now in jail
here awaiting trial.

The coroners jury has been hearing
testimony for two days as to the death
of John Dwyer. The verdict to-night
was that death had been caused by in-
juries to the spleen inflicted by an un-
known person. Dwyer was on the spree,
and engaged in several fights, but no
one so far appears to be responsible for
his death, although a miner named Jim
Manson, who had the last fight with
him, is still held.

Hungarian flour, \$1.35 per sack at
Johns Bros., Douglas street.

Some elegant old English oak trays
just arrived; will make exceedingly use-
ful and handsome presents. Weiler
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Warm Water-Tight Footwear

is a great essential to good health at this season. We
have the great Slater Shoe with Rubber
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The prices are moderate and the goods guaranteed.

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B.C. We employ at different times from 15 to 40 hands, and with the Select Fruit, Cane
Sugar and Skilled Labor,

Manufacture the Finest Preserves in Canada

Don't buy old Imported Jams; buy Okell & Morris'—pure and fresh.

EVIDENCE OF VALUES.

Testimony Continued by the United States in Opposition to the "Carolina's" Claim.

Captain Raynor Gives His Version of What Happened After the Vessel Was Seized.

The examination of Captain Raynor, begun on Monday, was continued yesterday before the Behring Sea Claims Commission and took up a large part of the session. Many questions were asked him by Mr. Warren for the United States, with the object of showing that after the seizures in 1886 the captains and mates of the schooners were not harshly treated at Sitka or Ounalaska by the United States authorities. He and the others, including Capt. Ogilvie and Mate Blake of the Carolina, were allowed to sleep in the jury room at Sitka, he said, because they preferred it to sleeping in the schooners; they had their own bedding and the food was good. Capt. Ogilvie, who was ill at Ounalaska, received proper attention from the surgeon of the Corwin, and was taken by him to Sitka, where Ogilvie got well enough to go about with the other sealers. One day he was missed from the jury room and was afterwards found, back of the Indian village dead, with his throat cut and a razor in his hand, as if he had committed suicide. The witness was one of the sealers sentenced at Sitka and did not hear the judge call the sealers "robbers" as stated by Margotich in his evidence. After the trial the captains and mates convicted were confined for fifteen days in the jury room, though by asking permission of the marshal they were allowed to walk about the town. There was a guard at the court house for a few days, but he never stopped them from going where they pleased.

Asked as to the cost of fitting out a schooner for a sealing cruise the witness gave from \$8 to \$10 a month per man as the cost of provisions. He stated, too, that he was acquainted with the value of vessels at San Francisco and Seattle in 1886 and 1887, and thought the Carolina would have been worth then about \$1,000 or \$1,200. He based this estimate on the values at San Francisco and Puget Sound, excluding Victoria. The witness thought the amount named of the supplies on the Carolina unreasonable, but cross-examined by Mr. Bodwell said he knew nothing of the prices of provisions in Victoria in 1886 and 1887. He remembered the quantity of provisions on the inventory made by the United States officers after the capture of the Carolina, but gave as his reason for not remembering any of the other items that he had paid more attention to the provisions at the time. His experience was that in no successive years could one rely in finding seal at the same place in Behring sea.

Edward P. Miner, master mariner, of Seattle, stated that in 1886 and 1887 the majority of vessels engaged in the sealing business were supplied from San Francisco, and the value of sealing vessels were fixed there for the coast. His estimate of the cost of the living per man on a sealing cruise was about \$10 a month. He had seen the Carolina lying on the beach at Ounalaska in 1888, and considered her model very old-fashioned. In good condition, taking into consideration that she was built in 1861, he thought her value would be 50 per cent. lower than that of the same class of modern vessel with a good model. Until 1887 he had no business dealings at Victoria, and was not acquainted with the prices of goods here. The cross-examination of this witness by Sir Charles H. Tupper was not finished when the time came for adjournment.

HON. MR. DAVIES' SPEECH.

To THE EDITOR:—The Liberal party in this province ought to be much gratified at that courteous and civil treatment accorded the Hon. Mr. Davies by your Conservative journal, and by many of the leading Conservatives of Victoria, who showed him that respect due to a minister of the crown. Considering all this, Mr. Davies justified, in cold blood, in throwing into the arena of a non-political meeting an apple of discord, after the victory won and the cooling of the heat of a general election? He did not come here on a political mission, but on a business one, consequently it would have been wiser had he exercised more discretion, and not laid himself open to justifiable criticism.

Conservatives cannot very well allow his public speech of last Friday to pass unnoticed. First of all his allusion to the treaty of 1854 has been fairly met in your article of the 13th, in which you clearly show that the condition of affairs in the United States and Canada forty years ago were entirely different from what they are to-day—that a treaty on the lines of that of 1854 cannot be looked for. During the last years of that commercial arrangement Canada reaped the largest benefit owing, not to any stroke of statesmanship, but to extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances. A civil war raged in the States; farmers turned their ploughshares into swords; manufacturers were paralyzed; production of all kinds almost ceased—giving Canada an unlooked for opportunity of disposing of her products in a highly remunerative market.

No statesman would seek to draw a comparison between the condition of things then and now—who has a proper conception of the present position of the two countries. Sir Richard Cartwright's policy out of office and that of many other Liberals ranged between "commercial union and unrestricted reciprocity" and "free trade as it is in England," either of which if given effect to would play into the hands of the United States; place Canada at the greatest disadvantage, and weaken and

probably sever her commercial connection with Great Britain. Conservative governments have always been desirous to negotiate a commercial treaty with the States on equal terms without an unequal surrender of any rights, and without cringing or begging for favors from Washington. Any sneers from Mr. Davies on this score can be set down for what they are worth.

During the Mackenzie administration one of the greatest of the Liberal leaders, the late George Brown, was sent to Washington to negotiate a treaty. The attitude he assumed there, whether on his "knees" or on all fours I know not; but the result of his mission was a failure—for which no blame was attached by the Conservatives. I predict that the present government will also fail in securing a treaty unless prepared to surrender many Canadian rights and join in discrimination against Great Britain.

Mr. Davies boasts that the Liberals will give the country "clean and honest government." It is earnestly to be hoped they will do so—if they do, they will have to reverse the record they inscribed on the pages of history from 1874 to 1878. Mr. Davies, Mr. Blair and Mr. Tarte have made a very poor commencement in the practice of the attributes founded on honesty—to wit, justice and fair play—when they take the word of hungry spies and despicable informers as sufficient evidence and reason for depriving poor men of their bread and reducing them and their families to the verge of starvation.

In promising clean government and guarding zealously the public treasury, Mr. Davies forgot to tell his audience last Friday night that the Mackenzie government appointed him one of the counsel on the Halifax commission, arising out of the "treaty at Washington," that for six weeks services he was offered the very large fee of \$6,000, which he declared as inadequate; asked and sued for \$25,000, and finally compromised for \$14,000. How do these figures suit the idea of our Liberal friends? Are they "honest and clean," or are they over-reaching and exorbitant? Which is the most dishonest—to over-reach, or to steal? These two accomplishments are closely allied, are they not. You will see how very disinterested and modest Mr. Davies was in dealing with public funds, where and when his private interests were concerned. What would the legitimate fee be in a private case of the same duration? Probably \$1,000 or \$1,500.

W. J. MACDONALD.

THE PEOPLE'S RAILWAY.

To THE EDITOR:—During the next few days Hon. Mr. Blair, minister of railways and canals, in the Dominion government, will be in our midst. Mr. Blair is making the trip at this inauspicious season for the purpose of obtaining information in respect to railway matters in this province, which shall guide the actions of the cabinet during the next session of the Dominion parliament. There are not wanting evidences, and it was frankly admitted by the Hon. Mr. Davies, that in the East it is supposed that if the Crow's Nest road were built a great work would be done for British Columbia. That may be true and it may be admitted to some extent, but it is certainly not regarded in that light by that portion of British Columbia, whose representatives count in the parliament of to-day. The Crow's Nest Road without a road to the coast as part of the same system and under independent control of the C. P. R., is not asked for by nine-tenths of the people of this province. In fact, with the Crow's Nest road only, the province will have to undertake all the responsibilities of government of the Kootenay country, while all the advantages of its trade and wealth will be handed over to another section of the Dominion. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that during the visit of Mr. Blair that the views of this part of the province should be made thoroughly clear to him, and that he should understand that we are thoroughly in earnest about this connection. I say this because at the recent meeting of the board of trade with Mr. Davies the one solitary voice that raised itself on this question was that of Mr. Thos. Earle, M.P., and I take it that Mr. Davies went from that meeting feeling that railway connection with Kootenay was not a very burning question in Victoria. Let us not make such a stupid mistake with Mr. Blair but, irrespective of politics, arouse ourselves to action and impress upon him the views we ourselves have on this question.

PEOPLE'S RAILWAY.

DESERVING OF CONSIDERATION.

To THE EDITOR:—"Militiaman's" suggestion to exempt all active members of the Fifth Regiment from the poll tax is deserving of consideration. The active members are usually from eighteen to twenty-two—an age when they can ill afford to pay taxes. If they are worth maintaining at all, and I believe they are, they are entitled to some concessions from the public. At present they get none—I say none, because they must use the \$6 annual pay in completing their insufficient uniform. "Militiaman" should start a petition to the council and many will gladly come forward and sign it. Speaking as an old militiaman and myself the father of two sons, I know that boys are much better occupied at the drill shed, learning gun drill and getting their bodies well set up, than hanging around street corners.

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W. S. CORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B.C., 23rd November, 1896. n28-1m

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POPLIN COSTUME.

of mohair are also seen. For more elaborate wear are costumes of foulard adorned with lace, guipure or ruffles of batiste, fleecy fleus, clouds of embroidered tulle and all varieties of belts, corselets and boleros that can be imagined. Very young ladies and half grown girls who are wise enough to prefer the simplicity of youth while it is possible for them remain faithful to the sailor style of costume for morning and outing wear, a dark blue gown, with a wide collar of white linen or silk, and narrow white braid sewed flat on the skirt. Small children, both boys and girls, also wear sailor costumes of all varieties, while for babies and very little girls there are gowns of embroidered muslin, linen and white or very light silk, with white trimmings and collars, yokes and ruffles of white. The bonnets are large and are of gauze or batiste.

Green continues to stand high in fashionable esteem and is seen in many shades, bright and decided ones being preferred. Violet, both dark and light, also holds its own perseveringly, and green and violet together have a decided vogue.

Although sleeves have diminished in size perceptibly, they require no less material unless the goods are so heavy as to admit of no fanciful treatment. The drapery at the top is usually very elaborate and takes up a large amount of goods, while for thin material the close part of the sleeve is plaited, gathered, puffed and shirred for its full length.

A sketch is given of a costume of rose and yellow gize poplin. The skirt is open at each side of the foot of the tablier, the opening being filled by coquilles of white lace mixed with old rose changeable ribbon and fastened by antique gold buttons. The bodice of poplin is cut out in front and edged with ribbons held in place by gold buttons. From the open space escapes a full vest of lace. The bouffant portion of the tight sleeve is draped and trimmed with ribbons, lace and gold buttons, and a frill of lace falls from the wrists, held by a bow and button. There are an old rose collar and a cravat of white gauze.

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cut more or less short, the bodice is often of the Norfolk order, belted, with a basque, and the proper finish for the costume is a Tam O'Shanter cap of the same material.

Serge is also, as usual, greatly employed for outing gowns, especially for boating and yachting, navy blue, white and red being the preferred colors. They are trimmed sometimes with silk, sometimes with fancy braid, the latter being the more useful. A serge skirt often accompanies a silk bodice. These bodices are fitted with a point back and front and are made like a short jacket or in the blouse form. In almost all cases, however, there are wide collar with points and a fancy vest. The corners of the collar are ornamented with embroidered emblems, the anchor being the favorite.

Capes are being much worn for traveling. They have an inside pocket and a storm collar that may be turned up or down at pleasure. Tweeds, heavy serges and cloth are the materials employed, and the cape should preferably be made to match the gown. Speaking of traveling, there are innumerable recipes for the avoidance of seasickness, none of which appears to be successful when practically tested. One of the newest prescriptions advises that the corset be laced very tightly at the first symptom of illness. If this is really a preventive, what a pity it is that only half of humanity can be benefited by it! For, of course, men are debarred from any such assistance, as they never wear the garment!

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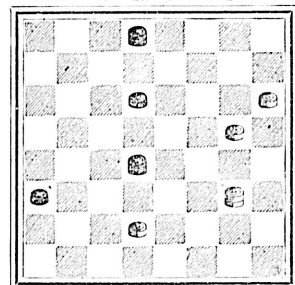
Death of the Famous Romantic Actor at His Father's Villa in Florence.

VICTORIANS who looked forward to a dramatic treat on the evenings of January 19 and 20, when Alexander Salvini was to have presented two of his latest and most successful plays, will learn with keen regret that this favorite actor, the foremost exponent of romantic roles of the present decade, passed from the stage of human affairs yesterday morning, at his famous father's villa in Florence. He had been ill with some affection of the throat for several months, and his exit was not unlooked for. The career of Salvini, the younger, as he was not infrequently called, extended over not more than ten busy years, although blessed by nature with a magnificent appearance and by heredity with superior dramatic taste and talent he had already won recognition as the foremost romantic actor of his time, and was, during the last year of his stage experience, harvesting the more worthy laurels of the true tragedian. His first appearance in an English part was with the old standard melo-drama "Storm Beaten," a dramatization of Robert Buchanan's "God and the Man," in which he assumed the role of Christian Christianson, an Anglo-Saxon child of the people, whose physical characteristics were all at discord with those of the impetuous young son of Italy. His secret reason for associating himself with this attraction was that its star was at the time petite and pretty Maude Dixon—and she had already won Salvini's heart. Their romance blossomed brightly and matured two years ago when they were married. Unlike the majority of stage folk they remained inseparable until the end came, "the little wife," as her big, handsome husband always lovingly referred to her in their circle of private acquaintances, remaining at his bedside until the last scene of the tragedy of life was over and the curtain of death had descended.

CHECKERS AND CHESS.

Checker Problem No. 288.

Black - 2 (king), 10, 18 (king), 21.

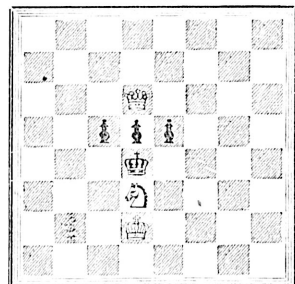


White - 12, 16, 24 (king), 26.

Black to play and win.

Chess Problem No. 288.

Black.



White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTIONS.

Checker problem No. 287:

White.

1. 14 to 17

2. 11 to 15 (*)

3. 17 to 21 (*)

4. 15 to 10 (*)

5. 21 to 17

6. 17 to 22

7. 10 to 6

8. 6 to 10

9. 10 to 14

10. 14 to 18

11. 22 to 25

12. 25 to 30

13. 30 to 25

14. 25 to 22

15. 22 to 26

16. 18 to 22

Chess problem No. 287:

White.

1. Q to Kt 8

2. Q-Kt sq ch

3. Kt mates

If

2. Kt to K 4

3. Q to Kt sq mate

Black.

1. K x B

2. K moves

1. P to K 4

2. K x B

3. Q to Kt sq mate

Drawn

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For the Electoral District of South Victoria:-At the Royal Oak on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1896, at 11:30 o'clock a.m., and at John Camp's, South Saanich, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

For that portion of North Victoria Electoral District known as North Saanich:-On Saturday, the 12th day of December, 1896, at the Sidney Hotel, Sidney, at 12 o'clock noon.

For the Electoral District of Esquimalt:-On Friday, the 18th day of December, 1896, at Henry Price's, Parson's Bridge, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Electoral Districts of Comox and Cassiar known as the Coast, Rupert Bayward and Qualicum Land Districts:-At 46 Langley street, Victoria, on Monday the 21st day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For that portion of the Cowichan-Alberni Electoral District known as Barclay and Clayquot Land Districts:-At Langley street, Victoria, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, 1896, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Dated at Victoria, this 24th day of November, 1896.

S. PERRY MILLS,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.
del 3wd&w

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed administrator, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

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1 a.m.	31°	Mean 35°
5 a.m.	34°	5 a.m.—12 N.
a.m.	34°	Highest 40°
1 p.m.	40°	1 p.m.—Calm.
5 p.m.	39°	Lowest 31°
9 p.m.	34°	9 p.m.—Calm.
		Rain—

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—3 hr., 54 min.

Barometer 9 a.m. (Observed) 29.945

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PERSONAL.

R. M. Currie, of New Westminster, is a guest at the Oriental.

H. Warrington Smyth of Siam is registered at the Hotel Driard.

R. J. Ker returned from the South by the City of Kingston yesterday.

Miss J. K. Hughes has left for Rossland, where a lucrative situation awaits her.

H. Higgin, St. Louis, and Lewis Lukes, Montreal, are among the arrivals at the Driard.

Rev. P. H. McEwen was a passenger from the Terminal City by yesterday evening's Chamer.

Dr. Lewis Hall, who has been ill for a few days past, has recovered sufficiently to resume his practice.

Mrs. Clements, wife of the popular commander of the City of Kingston, was a passenger from the Sound by that steamer yesterday.

S. J. Bailey, Somenos; A. Tinning and James Wright, Tacoma; and H. W. Cox, Vancouver, are among the late arrivals at the New England.

L. B. Hamlin, C.E., returned yesterday from Dancan, where he has been spending several days in making an examination of the river at flood.

Thomas Seward, of Park Farm Lytton, is in the city, called here by the serious illness of his daughter. Mr. Seward is one of British Columbia's earliest pioneers, and one of the best known as well as most prosperous men of the interior.

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THE CUBAN SITUATION.

Powerful Speech by Senator Morgan in Congress—Motion for Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, held the attention of the senate and well filled galleries for an hour to-day by his earnest advocacy of a strong and decisive policy in dealing with the Cuban question. The prominence of Mr. Morgan in the Cuban debate of last session, when he had charge of the Cuban resolutions reported from the committee on foreign relations, gave special interest to his speech to-day. He spoke in dispassionate style, although his words had a directness and severity in picturing the horrors existing in Cuba, such as is seldom heard in the Senate. Mr. Morgan spoke freely of the possibilities of war, welcoming it if necessary to guarantee the protection of American citizens. He asserted that Spanish bankruptcy would prevent the collection of any indemnity for wrongs.

The Senator questioned the wisdom of the President's position, that the granting of belligerent rights would be "untimely." Mr. Morgan's views on the line of action, which should be adopted, was summed up in the following: "Although I believe belligerent rights should be accorded the Cubans, inasmuch as the President prefers a more coercive policy, and has warned Spain that the time is near at hand for decisive action, I will support him in any movement that will save our people in that island from further outrages. I will not obstruct his course with questions of propriety, but will follow the colors when planted by the President on the advanced ground that the concession of belligerent rights has become 'untimely' and that our duty now demands active intervention. If that crumbles away I will again fall back to the position that a just care for our own people requires us to declare an armed neutrality, ready to assail either belligerent that inflicts wrong on our own people. If the President should say the time has arrived, the hour has struck, would any American be so base as not to hold up his hands while the battle is raging?"

In conclusion, Mr. Morgan said: "In this condition of impotency, to establish permanent peace in Cuba and permanent security for our own people, while the Spanish monarchy is dominant in that island, we have no alternative but the single choice between the continuous repetition of the evils portrayed in the message of the President, or a base humiliation and cruel delay on our part, while rapine and destruction are rampant in Cuba, in the hope that some fortunate turn in events may relieve us from a debt that we owe to humanity, to Christian civilization, to the spirit and traditions of our country and our people, and to the lives and liberties of our people in Cuba, who are now held by the cruel power of Spain. I do not rely upon any authority for what I have said beyond the President's message and the report of the secretary of state. The facts are incontrovertible and our duty is plain; if we fail to act on them we take the responsibility of a delay to perform a plain duty at the expense of our people whose lives are in constant peril."

At the close of Mr. Morgan's speech his resolution was adopted as follows: "Resolved, That the President is requested, if it is not in his opinion incompatible with the public service, to send to the senate copies of the papers relating to the condition of affairs in the island of Cuba which are referred to in the report of the Secretary of State that accompanies his last annual message as papers collected in the annual volume entitled 'Foreign relations of the U. S.' and also a statement of the several amounts of claims lodged in the department of state by citizens of the United States against Spain, growing out of the alleged insurrection in the island of Cuba, and also all correspondence with the Spanish government, relating to the vessel, called the Competitor and the persons captured with or near that vessel, with a statement of the charges in any court in Spain or Cuba against said persons, and the proceedings of such courts in those cases, and the place of their imprisonment, the character of their treatment while in prison, and the condition of their health, whether said prisoners have had the privilege of counsel of their own selection in any trial that has taken place on such charges or were represented by any counsel, attorney or other agent of the United States."

LACROSSE IN ENGLAND.

A New York Team to Cross the Atlantic as Exponents of the Game.

New York, Dec. 15.—It has been definitely decided by the Crescent Athletic club to send a team of lacrosse players on a tour through England next spring. Nearly, if not quite, all of the champions of 1896 will try conclusions with their English cousins at the game. The team will be captained by James A. Garvin, who is looked upon by many lacrosse players as a star man. The other men so far selected are: Miller, Post, Curry, Roberts, McLean, Moses Kellogg, Whitney and Jewell, all members of the Torontos; Leighton, formerly of the Torontos; and Dr. Casanova of the New York athletic club lacrosse team. While on the other side they will play five matches in Manchester, four in London, and four in Belfast.

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SPAIN STILL PASSIVE.

Gen. Weyler's Statement Regarding Maceo's Death—"He Was Not Killed in Ambush."

Resolutions Introduced in Congress—Cuban Expeditions Forming in the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Times commenting on the Cuban situation expresses the hope that the Spaniards will continue to disregard the vituperation of jingo senators and abstain from imitating them, adding: "The American government maintains the correct and neutral attitude. As long as it does Spain can afford to smile at Senator Chandler's off-hand recognition of the Cuban republic."

The Globe says: "When these wild men rave at England, British feeling regards them as amusing lunatics, whose grotesque antics do not carry danger to either country, but the Spaniards are more easily inflamed to anger, and there is some danger of Spain falling into the trap when the practical Laurada reaches Valencia. Spain has endured much contumely from the great republic, but there are many indications that this passive submission to insult will not last much longer. It would be well, therefore, for the Washington government to place restraint on Senator Chandler and his colleagues. If Spain is goaded to uphold her honor by arms, a naval war might have results not at all agreeable to the American Chauvinists."

A special copyrighted cablegram to the World from Madrid, via Bayonne, France, says: "The European governments friendly to Spain are much impressed by the killing of Antonio Maceo, and strongly recommended Spain to adopt a course which shall ward off intervention in Cuba by America."

The World's correspondent at Havana sent last night the following statement from General Weyler, on Maceo's death: "Havana, Dec. 14.—Maceo died as a result of the feeble state in which were the insurgents' band in Havana province. Doubtless, before the sudden attacks and constant persecution of the battalion at San Quintine, they were losing ground. To re-organize these bands he put himself at their head, and for this he died, with a part of the staff accompanying him. In the same manner have died many generals in wars all over the world."

"Maceo was not killed in ambush. My assertion can be proved by fact. The Spanish column which fought against the forces had to maintain itself against the fire of the insurgents and the insurgents were strong enough in number to re-take the bodies of Maceo and the son of Maximo Gomez, which they carried away from the field. Maceo was surrounded by his own men, who embarked with him and passed the trocha, as affirmed by his own physician, Dr. Zertucha."

"It is not true that Maceo was coming for a conference with me. I can prove it by two reasons. The first is, if I was in the province of Pinar del Rio, how could I summon him to the province of Havana? The second is, knowing myself the situation in which Maceo was in Pinar del Rio, knowing his situation to be so desperate that he asked help of the rebel forces in other parts of the island, I would not be so innocent as to agree to a conference with him in a place where he would be out of the trocha. Once in Pinar del Rio, Maceo died as fall all who command forces, who, at the sight of the enemy fly away. This discouraged band was brought to Havana with the hope of making a fight. Any other chief in similar circumstances, as his men disband, would be sure to die, and that is what happened Maceo. (Signed) Weyler."

From all parts of the United States, Mexico and Paris telegrams have been received by the Cuban junta and prominent Cubans of New York, expressing sympathy with Cuba and offering financial assistance to the men who are making the fight for liberty.

The World's evening edition says: The governor of New York yesterday

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sent an important telegram to the President of the United States relating to the critical condition of affairs in Cuba. The governor's message contains a suggestion that the President invite President-elect McKinley to Washington to discuss the most feasible plan to be followed by the President concerning the attitude of the United States towards Cuba, during the remainder of President Cleveland's term of office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representative Woodman, of Illinois, to-day introduced a resolution directing the President to intervene in Cuban affairs. The resolution after reciting General Maceo's assassination and Spanish cruelties in Cuba, says the President has failed to carry out the wishes of the people. The President is directed to express severe condemnation of the Spanish methods of warfare, and the probable murder of Maceo, and to recognize the independence of Cuba and demand Spain to withdraw all troops from Cuban soil. He is also directed to take proper steps to see that this demand is carried out.

Mr. Call presented a resolution yesterday denouncing the killing of Maceo as follows: "Resolved, that the killing of General Maceo, the renowned general of the republic of Cuba, if true, while under a flag of truce and with assurance of safety from the Spanish captain general, was a violation of the rules of civilized war, an outrage, base treachery, murder, cowardly and disgraceful, which demands the execration of every government and all people of the world, whether civilized or savage; the government which authorizes, permits, fails to punish the assassins who were connected in any way with the guilt of this crime, with the extreme penalty of the law, is an outcast from the family of nations and from the pale of civilization. That the committee on foreign relations be directed to make inquiry as to the facts and report to the senate at an early day."

DENVER, Col., Dec. 15.—It is claimed by the leaders of the movement to send troops from Colorado to fight for Cuban independence that over 1,000 names have already been enrolled. John McAndrews, the middle of the road populist candidate for attorney-general in the recent election, has been chosen commander with the title of colonel. In reference to these plans Mr. McAndrews said: "The volunteers will not leave Denver in small bodies by stealth as originally proposed, neither are they likely to go to the Gulf coast on railroad trains. Instead they will move overland either on foot or on horseback, picking up tributary armies along the line of march, until reaching Florida. They will be swelled to such a mighty host that the United States authorities will not care or dare to interfere with their embarkation for Cuba."

Col. McAndrews further asserted that interference with their plans would, he believed, precipitate a revolution in this country. Aside from the regiment of Cuban volunteers being organized here under the leadership of McAndrews, a company of three hundred men has been quietly raised by Dr. L. Darnell, surgeon of the Darnell sanitarium. The company is now ready to start for Cuba as soon as arrangements can be made for transportation to the island.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 15.—Every indication points to the departure today or to-morrow of another Cuban expedition steamer. The Commodore has received permission to leave port and is now lying at one of the railway wharves preparatory to taking on munitions of war. After loading the arms, the owners of the steamer will demand clearance papers for a Cuban port, on authority of the decision of Attorney-General Hart, and the customs house officials are expected to grant the clearance. If the steamer shall be seized by a revenue cutter the owners of the vessel will turn it over to the government and then institute a suit to recover the value of the vessel and cargo. The Three Friends and Dauntless are expected to follow the example of the Commodore, so that there are indications of considerable activity in filibustering circles during the coming week.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Eighty-five men, well up in drill, left Boston last night for Cuba, where they will fight in the insurgent army. They are under the command of Louis Marshall, of East Boston, who was a corporal in the Union army during the rebellion.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 15.—One hundred and six able bodied men of Butte, signed the roll which calls them to aid the Cuban insurgents. The command is ready to move at a moment's notice.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—Prof. Hightower is organizing a company of young men to go to Cuba to join the insurgents.

WEYLER UNPOPULAR.

Discontent in Government Circles—Will Shortly Be Relieved—Trial of the Competitor's Crew.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—According to surface indications, Captain-General Weyler will shortly be relieved of his command in Cuba. The discontent with him is noticeable even in the government organs. They say that, instead of going to Havana to receive an unmerited ovation, he ought to have continued the military operations in the province of Pinar del Rio. A bad impression has also been created here by the despatches of the Spanish correspondents at Havana announcing that General Weyler has suppressed all despatches referring to the ovation in Spain in honor of Major Cirujeda. It is supposed that the Captain-General's action was due to jealousy, and it is currently reported that the government is disposed to replace him by General Marin, now governor of the Cuban province of Porto Rico.

HAVANA, Dec. 15.—Captain General Weyler has published a decree regarding the circumstances of Antonio Maceo's death. This decree says that Maceo's body is buried near Bejucal, between Santiago de las Vegas and Ricon, in the province of Havana.

The Spanish trans-Atlantic liner Alfonso Doce has arrived here with 1,746 recruits, being the last of the 25,000 reinforcements dispatched from Spain in the last three weeks. The fortifications of the town of Guanabacoa, just across the bay from Havana, upon which attacks have been made several times recently by raiding parties of insurgents, are being actively pushed.

The name of Obispo street, the principal street in Havana, has been changed to Weyler, out of compliment to the captain-general.

The second trial of the crew of the American schooner Competitor, captured on April 29 by a Spanish gunboat

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while apparently landing a filibustering expedition on the coast of Cuba, is still in the preliminary stages and consequently, according to Spanish law, the proceedings are yet private. It is expected that the case will shortly pass into open court, when all the features of the case will be made public. The stories circulated in the United States of the secret trial, sentencing and the approaching execution of the prisoners are wholly false.

The United States consulate in this city is under a special guard of armed policemen. This precaution is taken by the Spanish authorities, owing to the fear that the indignation expressed by Spanish sympathizers against the United States would find vent in an attack upon the consulate. There have been fresh signs of the hostile feeling against the United States in view of the news from there of the ardent sympathy felt with the insurgents over the death of Antonio Maceo and the allegations there of the manner in which he was killed. In the absence of Consul General Lee, the consulate is in charge of the vice-consul general, Joseph A. Springer.

MORE RAILWAY TROUBLE.

The Soo Line Announces Cut Rates for the Holidays.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Soo line has made more trouble for the Western board by announcing that from December 15 to 31 it will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from St. Paul and Minneapolis, to Montreal and all points in Eastern Canada, Nova Scotia and New England. The tickets are to have a final return limit of three months from the date of sale. It is thought by the Western lines that the rates have been made to meet their competition in the making of holiday rates. The Western roads will take the matter up with the lines of the Joint Traffic Association and make an effort to have them assist in the meeting of rates via Chicago.

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Proceedings for the Extradition of Mrs. Sternaman to Canada.

UTICA, N.Y., Dec. 15.—In the U. S. circuit court here this afternoon Judge Cose heard argument in the Sternaman extradition case. The prisoner's appearance was waived by consent. Mrs. Olive Sternaman, accused of poisoning her husband in Cayuga, Canada, was held by Commissioner Fairchild at Buffalo for extradition. Her lawyers in the proceedings to-day moved for writs of habeas corpus and certiorari to review the proceedings before the commissioner. The attorneys on both sides agreed as to the jurisdiction of the U. S. court in the premises.

Mr. Thayer, who made the opening argument, quoted the extradition treaty between the United States and Great Britain to the effect that defendant could not be extradited except on such evidence as would hold her for trial in this country, not on such evidence as would hold her to await the action of the grand jury. The defendant's attorney presented evidence taken at the coroner's inquest that competent physicians said that no arsenic had been administered before death and that the arsenic found in the body after death might have been put in by the undertaker when he embalmed the remains.

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